

Troops Attack Chilean Palace



PRESIDENT ALLENDE
Appeals To Nation

Allende Asks Nation To Fight Rebels

SANTIAGO, Chile (AP) — Army troops backed by tanks opened fire with machine guns on the palace of Marxist President Salvador Allende in downtown Santiago today. Allende said in a nationwide broadcast that "a seditious sector" of the Chilean army was involved.

Allende spoke in a nationwide broadcast shortly after the attack began in downtown Santiago during the rush hour.

People fled the scene in panic. Allende identified the troops firing on his Moneda Palace as elements of the 1st Armored Division.

He spoke on the national radio from his home in a residential section of the city. The tanks drew up to the palace but did not fire their guns. The infantrymen opened fire with machine guns. One tank drew up near the huge wooden doors of the palace and aimed its gun at it. It did not fire.

In his radio broadcast, Allende said: "In these difficult moments the working class should combat the rebel troops. 'Loyal forces should support the workers. They should not be mistaken in their duty. Only one armored regiment has rebelled. The rest of the troops are loyal to the government.'"

"The Chilean armed forces traditionally have remained out of politics. The carabineros, the national police force, has been the most influential armed group."

Carabineros were reported to have returned the fire from the army troops. Witnesses reported that they had seen aircraft flying overhead.

Allende took office Nov. 3, 1970, for a six-year term. His administration was formed of a coalition of Communists and Socialists and his announced aim at inauguration was to make Chile a Socialist state.

Since Allende has been at the head of the government, prices have risen and food and other essential commodities have run short.

This sparked demonstrations by anti-Marxists from time to time. Allende supporters have held counter-demonstrations.

Last week, half of Chile's 10 million people were hit by general strikes called by Allende opponents and those who support him.

The anti-Marxists were protesting Allende's policies as well as supporting 12,000 copper miners who had been on strike for nearly two months to enforce their demands for 41 per cent wage increases to meet a record increase in the cost of living.

On Thursday, Gen. Mario (See back page, sec. 1, col. 6)

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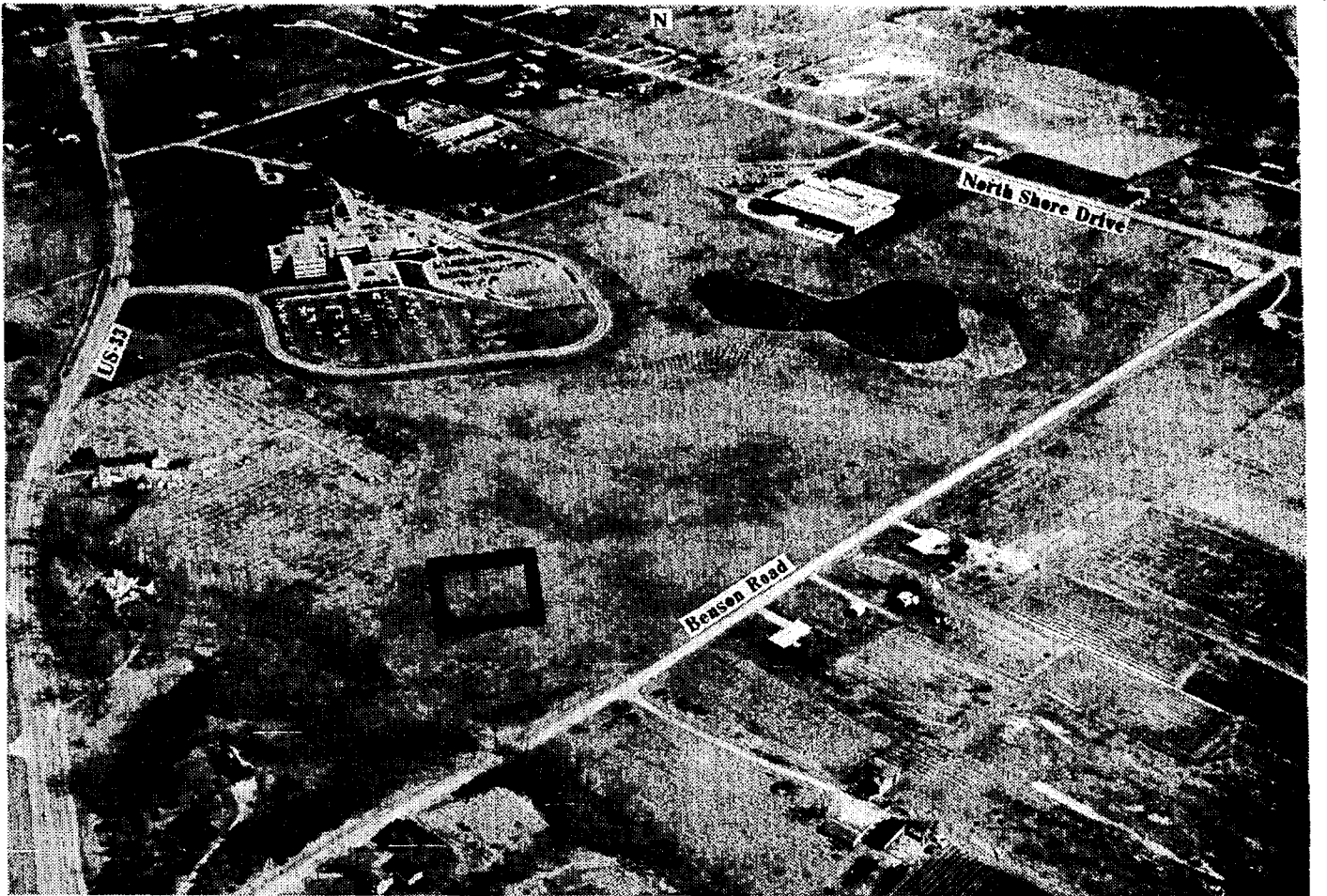
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Lake Temperature

The temperature of Lake Michigan at shoreline today is 73 degrees.

Free-First 85-Gold flags w. purchase thru Sat. Edison Adv.



SITE OF \$2 MILLION BUILDING: Black rectangle marks site of Whirlpool's Administrative Center in Benton township. ABCC is proposed Appliance Buyers Credit Corp. headquarters south of Whirlpool's finance subsidiary. (Aerial photo by Adolph Hann).

To House Whirlpool's ABCC

\$2 Million Building Planned

Whirlpool Corp. last night unveiled plans for a new \$2 million building to house the Appliance Buyers Credit Corp. (ABCC), Whirlpool's finance subsidiary.

Construction on the new 35,000 square foot building is scheduled to begin in October near Whirlpool's Administration Center on US-33 north of the Twin Cities.

The building will be located off Benson road in Benton township.

The plans were premiered at

a meeting of the Benton township planning commission, as Whirlpool is seeking a special permit to allow parking south of the building. The affected property is currently zoned A-1 residential.

Building Inspector Chester Schuck said the proposed location of the building meets present zoning requirements since that portion of the property is zoned commercial.

Richard Grau, manager of building told planners it will

take about a year to erect the new structure. It will replace the present ABCC building at 200 Broad street, St. Joseph.

Grau said there is no definite plan as to what to do with the old building.

ABCC President Stanley G. Petzel noted the new building is "symbolic of the steady, rapid growth of ABCC during the past decade. With a home office staff of some 85 people, plus sizable supporting service facilities, we're literally bursting the

seams of our present quarters."

Architect for the new quarters is Giffels Associates of Detroit, the same firm that designed a recently completed addition to the Administrative Center.

Grau told planners he has petitions with signatures of 16 residents of the immediate adjoining area where the new building will be located. He said all of the people were in favor of the building.

Whirlpool says by allowing

parking on the south side of the building they will be able to take advantage of the terrain in the area. This will allow the retention of existing grassy covered knoll areas, and the maintenance of a "green belt" of grass between the various buildings in the area.

The request for a special permit was referred to a study committee of planners Robert Namez, chairman; Chester Jolley and George Culverhouse.

BH Cab Driver Shot 5 Times, Robbed Of \$150

BY NICK SMITH
Staff Writer

A taxi driver was shot five times and robbed of some \$150 cash in a Benton Harbor alley Thursday about midnight.

Listed in "fair" condition in Mercy hospital was Max Wagner, 54, of 705 Beck road, Coloma.

Wagner told Benton Harbor police that the robber was a passenger in the cab whom he had picked up in the 1100 block of Columbus avenue, Benton Harbor. Wagner said the man sat in the front seat of the cab and directed the driver to an alley near Jefferson and Summit streets, Benton Harbor.

Patrolman Darryl Williamson reported the following conversation which Wagner said took place between himself and the robber in the alley:

"Have you ever been robbed before?"

"Yes," Wagner said, "twice."

"Well, this is the third time," the man said. He then pulled a

hand gun from his pocket; said, "This is loaded," and fired a shot in the air, Wagner told police.

Wagner was then asked, "How long will you give me before you call police?"

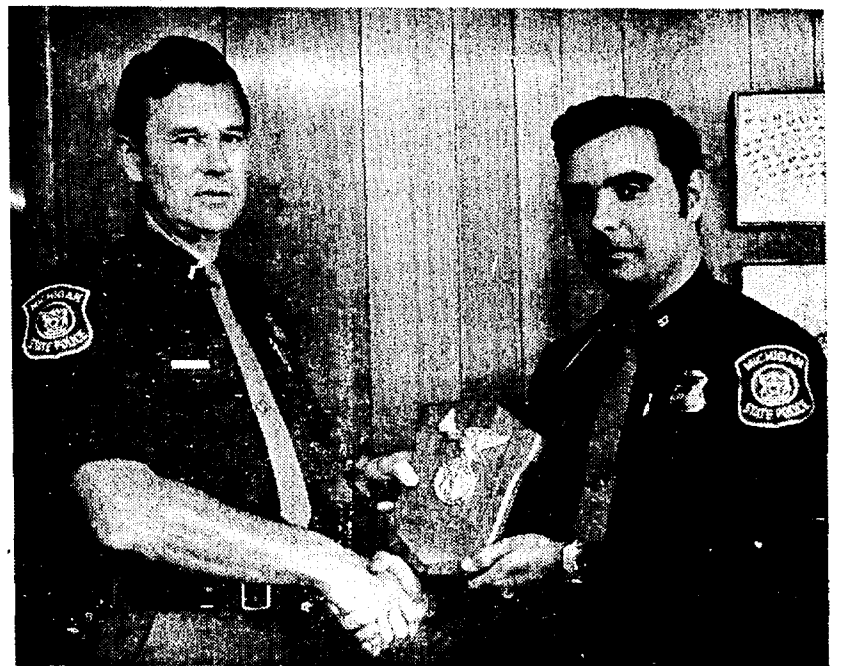
"One half hour," Wagner said.

"O.K., but I'm gonna make for sure." Then the robber shot Wagner five times in the right arm and fled with the money.

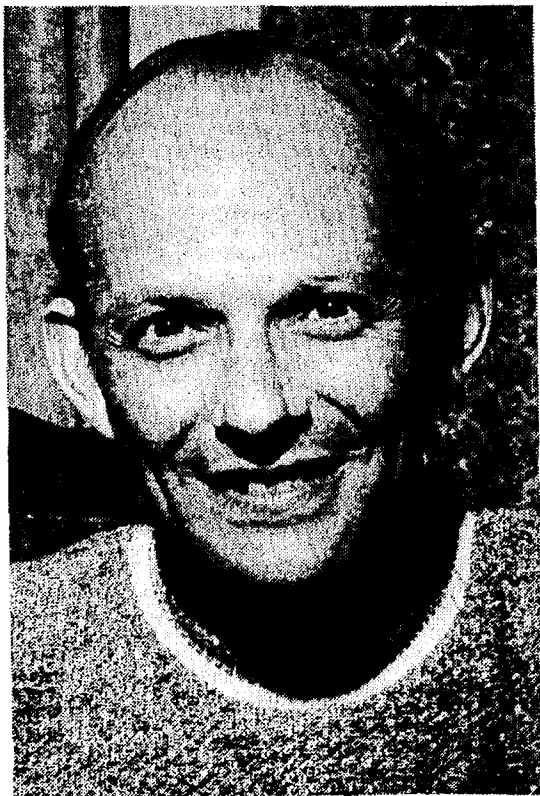
One bullet lodged in Wagner's chest, hospital officials said.

Wagner, following the shooting, drove his cab to the corner of Fifth and Main streets, Benton Harbor, where he waved down a passing patrolman.

The robber was described as a black male, about 30 years old, weighing 165 pounds, police said.



TROOPER OF THE YEAR: Trooper William Cahill Jr. (right) of Benton Harbor state police post was named "Trooper of the Year for 1972" by Col. John Plants, director of Michigan State Police. Presenting award to 30-year-old Cahill, a 4½-year veteran of state police, is Benton Harbor Post Commander Lt. Carl Hurlander. Cahill was cited for giving about 300 hours of his own time in first aid instruction to police, fire, and utility departments and public in Berrien county. He received a plaque and \$1,000 award. Cahill is second officer at Benton Harbor post to receive "Trooper of the Year" award, as Det. Robert Johnston received award in 1963. Cahill has been with Benton Harbor post since its inception in 1970. (Staff photo)



TONY LAMB WITH \$60,000 SMILE

Nixon To Ask 5% Power Use Cut And Energy Czar

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Nixon was expected to call today for a 5 per cent reduction in personal consumption of energy, led by government efforts to cut energy use by 7 per cent.

The President also was expected to propose a major government reorganization to collect energy and resource management programs in a proposed new department built around the present Interior

Department. Atomic energy development activities were to be divorced from the Atomic Energy Commission and wed to Interior's fossil-fuel research programs under a new Energy Research

and Development Administration. Energy policy-making and program coordination was to be focused through a new White House "energy czar" Colorado's Gov. John A. Love-

to be named assistant to the President and director of a new White House Energy Policy Office.

The administration also was known to be considering conversion of its voluntary gasoline

and oil allocation program into a mandatory program, to assure fair distribution of short fuel supplies.

But that measure was not included in the President's energy message, according to a

detailed description obtained by the Associated Press.

The President called for these steps that would affect consumers:

—A slowing down of cars on the highways to save gas.

—An easing up on summer air-conditioning to save electricity.

—And a turning down of heater thermostats in the winter

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Editorial Page

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Parochialism Sealed Off By Supreme Court

By the same vote (6-3) in four separate cases, the U.S. Supreme Court this week invalidated direct or indirect subsidization of nonpublic schools by public means.

Two of them involved tuition reimbursement plans in New York and Pennsylvania.

Another centered around a local tax deduction system in New York.

The fourth was direct aid in New York by way of publicly funding heat, lights, janitorial service and state-required record keeping.

All four methods, said the majority, conflict with the First Amendment's anti-establishment clause which through the years has been judicially construed as requiring a wall between church and state.

Inasmuch as the four decisions appear to box in the equation so thoroughly, considerable doubt is now thrown on a 1972 Nixon proposal to grant a federal income tax credit to parents of nonpublic school youngsters.

The House Ways and Means Committee reported favorably upon it last year as part of an overall tax reform bill. The entire subject, however, has not advanced beyond the Committee report and unless Phase IV can in some manner revive it, tax reform appears to be no more than a conversation piece this year.

Michigan preceded this week's

Court rulings three years ago. The public school teachers successfully electioneered an anti-parochial amendment to the state constitution in the 1970 elections. Tightly drawn, it proscribes any form of public assistance except student transportation to and from school.

Although this week's Court opinions flow logically enough from earlier precedents concerning the first Amendment, the effect of withholding purely educational assistance from the nonpublic system is yet to be fully determined.

It has always been our thought that furnishing textbooks or laboratory space or granting a tax credit for tuition does not aid in propagating a particular religious belief. At the same time, it takes up a lot of slack which otherwise the public system would have to carry and in the process spend more than the nonpublic system would.

Surrounded by proper safeguards, parochialism can be a suitable answer to the very practical problem of supplying adequate education at a cost which does not crack the taxpayer's sacroiliac.

If economics, basically inflation, puts the nonpublic school in a worse position than it now occupies or sinks it completely, the added cost from the public system to close the gap will be chilling indeed.

Nixon-Founded Board Will Have Few Mourners

It is ironic, to say the least, that Richard M. Nixon should preside over the liquidation of a federal agency he helped to create while serving as a member of Congress. But when the Subversive Activities Control Board (SACB) closes up shop on Saturday, June 30, it will do so as a casualty of President Nixon's fiscal 1974 budget. The SACB will have few mourners. Crippled by court-imposed restrictions on its authority, the board has held few public hearings in the past decade. Nevertheless, its five presidentially appointed members each earn \$36,000 a year.

The Subversive Activities Control Act of 1950, passed over President Truman's veto, was the brainchild of Rep. Richard M. Nixon (R Calif.) and Sen. Karl E. Mundt (R S.D.). The following year, SACB set out to expose Communists and their organizations through hearings. It concluded that the Communist Party U.S.A. was a Communist-action group under foreign domination and ordered it to register as such with the Justice Department. But the party appealed the order, and in 1965 the Supreme Court ruled in the party's favor. Other court rulings vacating registration

orders followed.

No other agency will assume SACB's functions after June 30. But the board believes it has accomplished something. Communist Party U.S.A. membership dropped from 52,000 in 1951 to 9,000 in 1961, an SACB spokesman says. In the years since the 1965 Supreme Court decision, party membership has risen to between 14,000 and 15,000. In addition, the spokesman said, 20 of 23 Communist-front organizations discredited by the SACB have folded.

Efforts to reincarnate SACB have met with little response. A bill introduced in 1971 by Reps. Richard H. Ichord (D Mo.) and Richardson Preyer (D N.C.) would have required federal job applicants to take loyalty oaths. The measure was defeated by voice vote. Ichord has come back with another bill to revamp the federal loyalty-security system and to create a Federal Employee Security and Appeals Commission. But support for these measures has been lukewarm even on the part of SACB supporters, and opponents contend that there is no constitutional basis for such loyalty programs.

Summer Project

There are three ways of reacting to Labor Secretary Peter Brennan's suggestion that Americans consider planting victory gardens this year to help hold down the cost of food in the family budget.

The first is a moan from the backyard gardener who usually goes down to defeat

each year from the combined onslaught of the lawn, two rose bushes and assorted shrubs.

The second is with a gleam in the eye and the cry of "charge!" as the novice takes up hoe and spade and, to the horror of his wife, practices his technique on a favorite house plant. Long before the harvest is in this type will have learned something about dirt, hard work and sore muscles but not enough to grow more than a bean sized carrot or two.

The third reaction will be simpler. It will come from the under 40 crowd who will simply ask, "What is a victory garden?" That resurrected bit of antiquity was the name applied to vegetable gardens grown in the backyard during World War II as part of a government drive to get the home folks involved in the war effort.

Among those who follow Brennan's advice, some will succeed and enjoy the fruits of their labors. Along with the neighbors who will be treated with miscalculations in supply and demand.

The sun pours onto the earth 100,000 times as much energy as the world's present electric power capacity, the National Geographic reports

Dare We Hope They Eventually Make It?



GLANCING BACKWARDS

SJ BANDSMEN OFF FOR EUROPE

— 1 Year Ago —

St. Joseph high school bandsmen can start packing for Vienna after hearing the drive for funds to go to Europe climbed to around \$73,000 or less than \$2,000 of the \$75,340 needed.

Project Vienna Bear Chairman Edward Schalton told over 1,000 persons at the band's bon voyage concert last night in the St. Joseph high school gym the total received was so close to the goal that for all practical purposes it has been met. The \$75,340 will take 110 bandsmen to Europe for three weeks at \$685 a head.

SHARON HOSBEIN WINS TITLE

— 10 Years Ago —

Sharon Hosbein, 15-year-old daughter of the Fred Hosbeins, 2619 Botham avenue, has added another state championship in baton twirling to her growing list.

Her latest, won in her age group in the state contest at Galesburg, Mich., on June 22,

gives her five state championships in the past six years. These include two state juvenile championships. In addition she eliminated 13 girls in the 15, 16, and 17 year age group of Galesburg to place second in the state's Senior division.

UP POINTS ON BEEF STEAKS

— 23 Years Ago —

Choice lamb cuts and some cheeses go back on the ration list Sunday and current values on beef steaks and roasts go up one to two points a pound, the office of price administration announced last night.

In ordering the first important changes since most meat was removed from rationing May 4, Price Administrator Chester Bowles said: "We are restoring lamb cuts not because of any expected decrease in supply, but because such cuts have been very unevenly distributed."

"MOTHER'S" PENSION

— 39 Years Ago —

The Berrien county board of supervisors has voted to ask the county emergency relief commission to take over all mothers' pension cases.

PICNIC HELD

— 59 Years Ago —

The annual County Federation picnic was held at Niles on Island Park, with the twin cities, Niles and Buchanan represented.

SJ KU KLUX KLAN

— 49 Years Ago —

An estimated crowd of 2,000 people gathered in Needham's grove on Lake Shore drive for a public meeting held under auspices of the Ku Klux Klan and to hear a nationally known member of the group give a lecture.

FERRY BOAT

— 83 Years Ago —

The L.S. Payne is on the ferry route between St. Joe and Benton Harbor.

EDITOR'S MAILBAG

Teachers Reply To Our Editorial

PAY HIKE DOESN'T MATCH INFLATION

Editor, Southwestern Michigan school teachers are making good money, but Southwestern Michigan's cost of living will rise 12 per cent in 1973. Besides this, the beginning salary of Benton Harbor teachers is only \$2,600 behind first year engineers, \$2,400 behind first year accountants, \$1,400 behind first year sales marketing personnel, and \$400 behind general business bachelor's degree holders for 1972.

Engineers, accountants and other professionals, of course, work 12 months with no vacation at all. Since salaries for these people are not public knowledge they do not get raises either. However, I am still willing to exchange salaries with them after 12 or 13 years of experience.

Teachers, too, are the guilty parties in the rising cost of education. Benton Harbor teachers cost the school board 64.71 per cent of the total budget in 1968-69. In 1971-72 the cost was 55.33 per cent and less than that for 72-73.

With a rise of 12 per cent in the cost of living 12 per cent pay increase ought to be enough. It is only a matter of a decimal point anyhow, so what's the difference?

Anyone can teach so why not try it yourself? I welcome you to take my schedule any week next winter and find out first hand what education is all about.

Donald D. Buyze
Mathematics Teacher
Benton Harbor
High School

TEACHER SICK OF MONEY BATTLE

Editor, This letter is written in reply to your editorial of Tuesday, June 26.

As a teacher, frankly I'm sick of the yearly money battle. Those of us in education — board members, administrators, and teachers choose this field because we all share a deep concern for children. We

are concerned with the best ways of preparing all the children of the community to be responsible and productive citizens. The problems inherent in doing this are legion. We shouldn't have to expend time, talent, and energy making enemies out of each other over money.

I believe that many people involved in education agree with this position. Therefore, I have a suggestion. Perhaps we could adopt a UAW concept. We could put a cost-of-living clause in the contract and forget the seemingly endless money hassle.

It seems to me that asking teachers to accept less is, in effect, asking us to take a pay cut. In the face of a constant upward spiral in the cost of living, this would be patently unfair.

About those "outstanding pension and fringe benefits," perhaps you should do your homework a little more carefully. The state pension plan requires by law that all school employees (not just teachers) contribute. There is a 3 per cent return on members' investments which isn't "outstanding" by any measure. There is no school employee on the pension board.

And there has been no accounting of the fund to the members in at least the eight years I've been a member. The fact that there are many teachers in this state living — or trying to live on between \$1,200 and \$2,400 a year is an absolute disgrace.

The fringe benefits of which you speak consist of paid health insurance and 12 sick days per year. These benefits are, perhaps, on a par with some industry. But when compared with the UAW package, for example, they are hardly outstanding.

One last item. How about being fair? Your editorial depicted teachers at their worst. How about the other side of the coin?

Some of the best educating in the state is being done in Benton Harbor. Three elementary buildings in our district ranked (See back page, sec. 1, col. 7)

Ray Cromley

New U.S.-Soviet Pacts Spell Gain



WASHINGTON (NEA) — Scientific agreements signed here during the visit of Soviet chief Leonid I. Brezhnev if fully implemented will result in important gains for both nations and be of immeasurable importance to the world at large.

Over the long run — and here we are speaking of one or two decades — this cooperation could mean increases in food and raw material output which could help prevent extended inflation of the type we are so nervously experiencing these days.

Item — Agricultural research. The Soviet Union, despite its dismal agricultural record overall, has been carrying out intriguing experiments in cold weather crops and farming techniques, in genetic breeding of plants and animals (how to get more cows to give birth to twins, for one) that are of intense interest to American agricultural scientists.

Northern Russia and Siberia are known to have a wide range of unusual plants and unique varieties of common vegetation. American research men are most anxious to get their hands on these for use in developing new strains with high yields resistant to extreme weather conditions and to this or that disease.

American scientists, in addition, want to study types of plant diseases as yet little known to this country in the hope that ways of fighting these infections can be found before they migrate here and do rapid damage to crops which may have a low resistance to these particular pests.

The great worry in U.S. agriculture today, in fact, is the foreign pest with few or no na-

tural enemies here which can attack with vicious suddenness the nation's crop of a particular food. Russia and China are the two great remaining areas which American agricultural scientists most want to study for this purpose.

Item — Transportation. Though the U.S.S.R. in many ways is backward in this field, Soviet scientists have been doing excellent work in studying ways of moving ships through icebound seas — of great importance to the United States in transporting oil from the Alaskan North Slope, whether a long-distance pipeline is built or not.

The Russians have also done some ingenious work in cold climate construction. Soviet ability in aircraft design is well known.

Item — Oceanography. Soviet fishing fleets have made extensive surveys in particular areas of the world's oceans, in considerable measure for military reasons to be sure, but nonetheless valuable for climate studies, for fishing and other marine activities. The contributions of Soviet scientists in this field working with Americans should make possible eventually a more effective use of the seas for food, minerals (including petroleum) and other materials. Interestingly, the Soviet Union has made some important advances in oil drilling equipment and techniques.

Weather studies of course will be one important phase of the U.S.-Soviet cooperation. The Russians have been highly imaginative in this field, especially in such areas as the dissipation of fog from airfields and in the production of rain.

Marianne Means

Keeping Nixon In Residence(s)



WASHINGTON — The taxpayers, it now turns out, have been paying not only to keep President Nixon safe and sound but also to keep him in the comfortable style to which he has become accustomed.

The General Services Administration (GSA), which maintains government buildings, revealed last week that the Federal Government has paid more than \$2.2 million for improvements to the President's private homes in Florida and California.

GSA officials also added pointedly that this is the first time the agency had ever paid for improvements on a President's personal property.

Few taxpayers would begrudge a President the price of special outbuildings or fences or communications systems necessary for the protection of himself and his family. Even such non-essential items as the \$12,000, bullet-proof screen around the President's San

Clemente swimming pool may be justified on security grounds.

But roof repairs, three new furnaces, septic tank repairs, new electric wiring, roadways and parking lots do not seem to be legitimate public responsibility. Nor does \$76,000 worth of landscaping and sprinkle systems, unless eyecore can be considered a threat to Presidential well-being.

And should it really be the taxpayers' burden to protect the Nixons against sunburn by financing construction of a beach cabana? Or assure that the Presidential body is soothed by warm waters when he swims by paying for a pool heater?

President Nixon has devoted a great deal of energy lately to holding down the Federal budget by sharply cutting back domestic social programs aimed at helping average people. Yet, during this period he has authorized more than \$1 million in federal funds to become, in effect, a contribution to his own personal wealth.

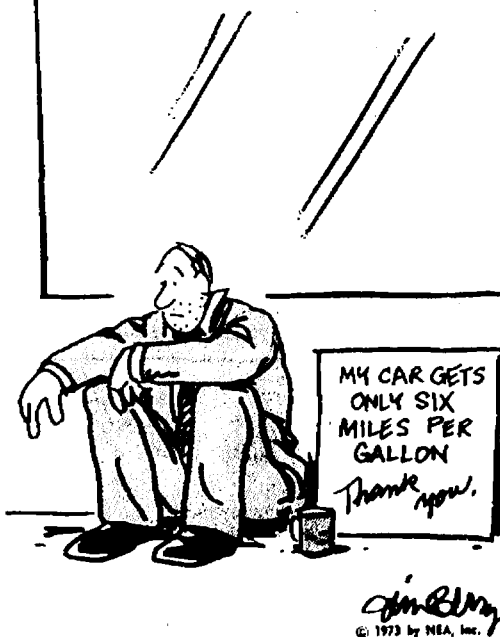
After he is out of office, he will still own the property whose value has been increased by the improvements for which he did not pay himself. And eventually his estate will realize a considerable profit.

The White House has been about as candid regarding the President's home improvement projects as it has about the Watergate, which is to say not very. Until GSA spilled the beans, the White House was contending that a mere \$39,525 had been put into his property. That figure is now inoperative.

The question might be raised why it is necessary that the President have two extra homes in the first place. The government already provides him with the White House and Camp David, all expenses paid. Both are quite respectable establishments in which to stay.

A President has a right to choose his own hideaway for his leisure hours, if the two residences paid for by the government seem inadequate. And he has a right to purchase a home for his retirement years, when he will not be able to use the official facilities.

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\$1 Million Renovation For Local Public Housing

A \$1 million renovation program in the East Washington, Buss, and Fair avenues housing projects is scheduled to begin in mid-July, according to Sammie Smith, executive director of the Benton Harbor-Benton township housing commission.

The federally funded renovation program will include installation of new windows, new hot water heaters, modernized

kitchens and bathrooms, interior painting and exterior siding, tile floors, panel partitions, and trash collection enclosures.

The apartment complexes were built in the early 1950's. Smith said work should be completed by the end of February, 1974, and added all the contracts have been let.

Acorn Building Components Inc., of Detroit, the firm installing new windows under a \$269,500 contract, said it will hire 50 per cent of the work force for the window installations from residents of the projects.

Smith said the workers will be paid "nothing less than the

minimum wage—about \$3.25 per hour."

Some 2,544 aluminum windows, designed with thermal frames and sashes, will be installed in the 172 apartments, Smith noted, resulting in heating fuel savings and lower maintenance costs.

State Wins Suit; Last Penetrator Block Erased?

The Michigan Court of Appeals has ruled in favor of the state highway commission in its effort to condemn the last parcel in St. Joseph township sought for construction of an I-94 penetrator into St. Joseph city from the south.

St. Joseph Atty. Henry Gleiss, special counsel for the highway department, announced the appeals court Thursday handed down an opinion allowing the highway department to condemn a "township park area" just off Lincoln avenue near Niles avenue in St. Joseph township.

Legislators Trying Again To Sweeten Their Pensions!

LANSING, Mich. (AP) — State legislators are trying again to vote themselves sweetened retirement benefits similar to those vetoed by Gov. William Milliken last year.

The Senate voted 23-11 Thursday to let lawmakers retire at age 55 instead of 60 with benefits almost as rich as those Milliken rejected.

The bill, which went to the House after being jumped from the 16th position to the No. 2 position on the Senate's agenda, was seen by some as part of a one-two punch to cripple a petition drive aimed at chopping

legislative salaries from the current \$17,000 a year to \$15,000. The bill would increase lawmakers' full annual pensions 20 per cent from \$8,500 to \$10,200 a year.

It also would base retirement allowances on the "highest" salary a legislator received during his service. Current law bases retirement pay on the "last" salary received.

Some 153,000 signatures have been collected since 1970 on petitions seeking to reduce legislative salaries by \$2,000 and abolish the State Officers' Compensation Commission, which sets state-elected officials' salaries.

Lee Beckett, a Grand Rapids housewife and mother of five who heads the petition drive, said she wants a court challenge of a law signed recently by Milliken that would invalidate petition signatures which are over 90 days old.

Mrs. Beckett, who hopes to put the salary question to voters in the November 1974 election, said:

"The 90-day limit, or even 180 days, infringes on the constitutional right to petition government for initiation of legislation or changes in our Constitution."

The Senate proposal, sponsored by Sen. John McCauley, D-Grosse Ile, would increase retirement benefits and decrease the penalty for retiring before age 60.

The full annual retirement benefits to lawmakers—based on 16 years of service and age 60—would jump from 50 per cent of salary to 60 per cent.

In addition, 16-year veterans who retired or are voted out of office at age 55 would receive annual retirement of about \$8,180 instead of the current \$6,000.

The governor last December vetoed a bill which would have lowered full retirement age from 60 to 55 in annual retirement. A furor erupted over the House vote on the measure, which came with such suddenness that one lawmaker branded it "a greased pig."

A Milliken aide said Thursday the governor "has not yet taken a stand on" the latest retirement bill.

The bill would increase retirement benefits for the first eight years of legislative service from 26 per cent to 30 per cent. Benefits for between nine and 16 years of service would climb at an annual rate of 3.75 per cent of salary instead of the current three per cent.

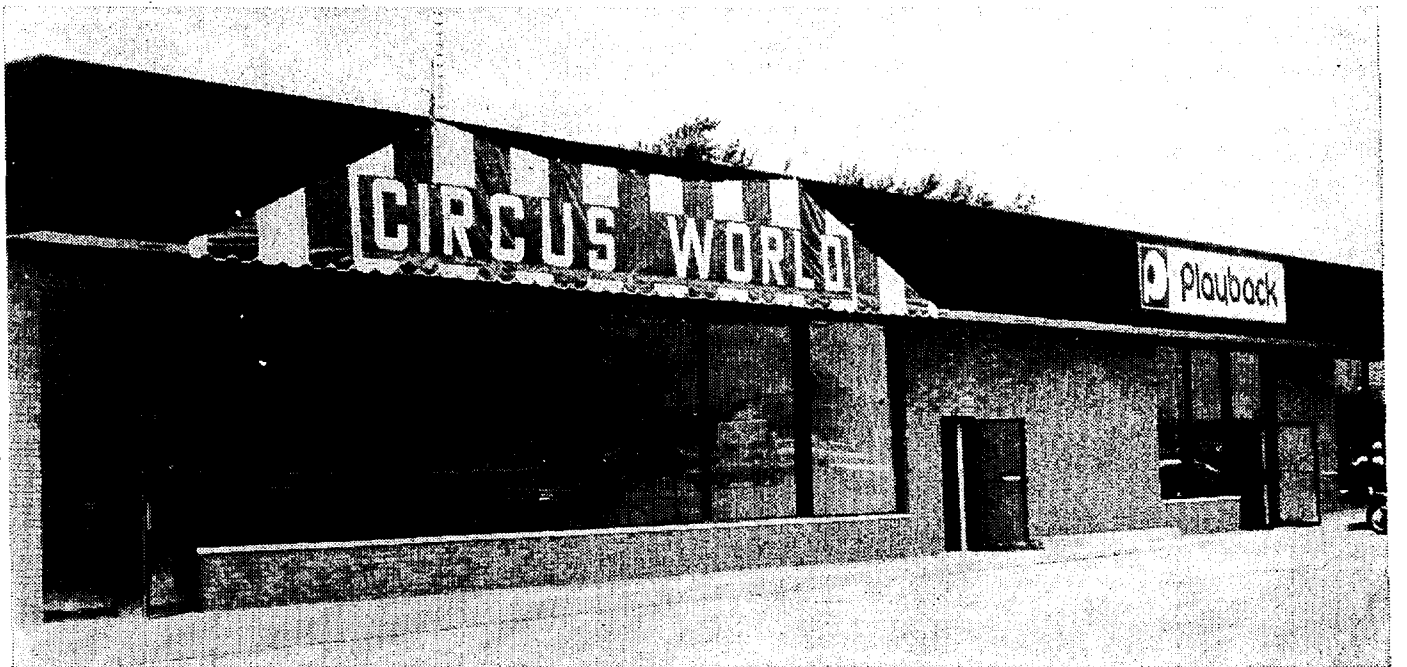
"We don't have to make any apologies to the citizens of

Michigan," said Sen. Michael O'Brien, 65, a Detroit Democrat who has served in the legislature 32 years.

"We pay in \$1,700 a year... You can buy yourself a hell of a good annuity for \$1,700 a year," O'Brien said.

However, the legislature can anticipate "the stampede by everyone with past, present or

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NEW STORES AT PLAZA: Circus World toy store and Playback stereo components store are scheduled to open in Fairplain Plaza on July 5, with grand openings planned for July 11. Michael and Betsy Senecal own Circus World franchise, the first franchise ever sold by company, Senecal said. Other stores in chain are all owned

by parent firm. Playback is a Chicago-based chain which opened first stores over a year ago. Each store will employ six persons. Buildings themselves are owned by Wayne Senecal, a Plaza developer. (Staff photo)

SJ Retirement Residence

Whitcomb Open House July 7-8

Whitcomb Tower in St. Joseph will hold an open house 2 to 4 p. m. Saturday and Sunday, July 7 and 8.

Mack Booher, administrator, said the remodeled and refurbished Whitcomb will be open for inspection and he anticipates that thousands of people probably will come.

The second day of the open house coincides with the annual art fair which annually draws several thousand persons to Lake Front park, not far from the Whitcomb.

Booher said no conducted tours are planned. However, staff personnel will be stationed throughout the areas where the visitors will be passing to answer questions and explain features of the building.

The open house will feature the lobby, dining room, the lounge and the sixth floor. It is on the sixth floor where the model apartments are located.

The Michigan Baptist Homes, Inc. purchased the former Whitcomb hotel in April, 1968. On March 15 of this year, five years and \$3 million later, the Whitcomb Tower was reopened as a residence for active, retired people.

The open house tour will wind up in the lounge where light refreshments will be served.

Booher said a memento of the former Whitcomb Sulphur Springs Hotel dining room, the

monogrammed dinner plates, will be offered for sale as a souvenir of the building. It was built in the mid-1920's. Proceeds from

the sale of the plates will be used to establish an arts and craft program.

Booher announced that 40

persons are residents or have made arrangements to move in shortly. There are 105 units left, Booher said.

Beware Of Coin Con Man

If a man asks you to trade a ten-dollar bill for a roll of quarters he says is worth \$10, count the quarters, according to a report filed with the state police at Benton Harbor.

Victor Bianchi, assistant chief of police for Watervliet, told troopers yesterday that Hard-

ings Super Market, Main street, Watervliet, was taken for \$20 by a man who exchanged two rolls of quarters, with an apparent value of \$20, for two ten-dollar bills Wednesday evening.

When the roll was opened, it was discovered that each con-

tained only a few coins at either end with metal washers in the middle, according to Bianchi.

Bianchi was told by Hartford city police that a similar attempt to cheat by trickery failed in Hartford. State police have taken over the investigation.

Swimming Classes To Be Offered

Free Red Cross swimming lessons will be offered at Jean Klock park in Benton Harbor beginning July 2. Mrs. Gordon Premier, of Berrien Springs, will serve as instructor for classes from beginners to lifesaving.

Persons interested in attending the lessons are asked to be at the Jean Klock park pavilion at 9:30 a.m. July 2. Registration forms will be filled out at that time.

SJ Mother Pleads No Contest

A St. Joseph mother charged with violation of a city ordinance that requires parents to keep juvenile children off the streets during curfew hours pleaded nolo contendere (no contest) to the charge and was placed on pre-sentence investigation when arraigned in Berrien Fifth District court Wednesday.

Mrs. Gene (Mary Ann) Rudel, 34, of 1009 Church street, was arrested on a warrant Tuesday evening by St. Joseph police. She posted bond of \$100 and was released. She remains free on \$100 bond.

St. Joseph police reportedly took a 15-year-old son of Mrs. Rudel into custody for curfew violation Monday at 1 a.m. at Lake Front park.

Disabled Woman Victim Of Theft

A wheelchair-ridden Benton Harbor woman, kind enough to allow a teenage boy the use of her telephone, sat helplessly as he stole her wallet from the pocket of an apron she was wearing and fled out the door.

Mrs. Fannie Stanfield, 77, of 537 Columbus avenue, Benton Harbor, told Benton Harbor police she let the boy in her house Thursday at 2:30 p.m., after the boy pleaded with her, saying he needed to use the telephone.

She said the teenage boy did not make any phone calls. He went to the phone and dialed, then hung up. He walked to where Mrs. Stanfield was sitting in her wheel chair, took the wallet and ran out the front door. Mrs. Stanfield told police the wallet contained \$17.

Tuition Grants Available For Catholic Schools

The tuition grant committee of Lake Michigan Catholic schools has announced funds are now available for families that cannot afford to send their children to Catholic schools without financial assistance.

Tuition grant money will be provided by funds from the Kalamazoo Diocesan Service

Appeal. The deadline for application is July 15.

Forms for applying for assistance are available in the principals' offices at the Lake Michigan Catholic high school, 915 Pleasant street, St. Joseph, and Lake Michigan Catholic middle school, 589 Pearl street, Benton Harbor.

Two Rings Missing

A woman employed at Whirlpool's St. Joseph Division told St. Joseph police that she lost two rings at work, one valued at \$1, the other worth \$650.

Sharon Hickmott, of 4036 Royal Curve, St. Joseph, told police the rings were either lost or stolen from a wash room Thursday at 3 p.m. She said she took the rings off to wash her hands and left them at a sink. When she realized the mistake, she walked back to the wash room. The rings were gone, she said.

The \$650 ring is described as having a worn, white gold band, with a one-half carat diamond center stone and four smaller sets, police said.



REMEMBER THE TROPICAL ROOM?: Originally the Whitcomb Sulphur Springs hotel had a large open air veranda before the area was converted into a banquet center. Since the Michigan Baptist Convention took over the St. Joseph building the veranda has been restored. Following sandblasting the veranda will look like new. An open house is scheduled from 2 to 4 p.m. July 7 and 8. (Staff photo)

Benton Planners Mull Business Requests

Benton township planners last night heard plans for more development along M-139 near Fairplain Plaza, with requests for permits to sell mobile homes and used cars.

The request for a license to sell new and used mobile homes came from Mobilife Corp. of St. Louis, Mich. It is a subsidiary of National Gypsum Co.

Steve Embree, a company representative, said the firm is negotiating to lease property across from the Ponderosa Steak house near the Plaza.

Embree said the company has already developed similar sales outlets in Grand Rapids, Ypsilanti, Kalamazoo, Niles, Fort Wayne, Ind., and Jackson.

The request was referred to a study committee for further consideration.

The request for a used car license came from Harold Balow, representing Balow's Auto Body shop at 1906 M-139, south of Shoppers Fair.

Balow told planners he would like to sell cars that he has

repaired. This request was also sent to a study committee.

In other business, planners learned a request for a home occupancy permit for a home for the aged had been filed, but a request for a similar operation was filed.

The withdrawal was made by Mrs. Della White, who sought to operate the home at her residence, 2153 Holly

The new request for a home occupancy permit was made by Minnie M. Gray for a home for the aged at 2153 Holly. Helmar court.

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Prosecutor Explains Ruling

Berrien Won't Clobber All X-Rated Movies

Berrien Prosecutor Ronald J. Taylor said Thursday that a new U.S. Supreme Court ruling gives prosecutors an added tool in combatting pornography, but doesn't mean that every X-rated movie will be judged obscene.

Taylor called the ruling a "breakthrough" in criminal prosecution of pornography, and said his office would continue the policy of reviewing materials alleged obscene by police and citizens. However, he noted, the ruling does not give prosecutors "the right to run around and close everything in sight."

Last week, the Supreme Court altered a 1957 decision on pornography by ruling that literature and films can be judged

obscene on the basis of community standards. The court also held that juries do not need expert witnesses to assist them in determining pornography. Previously, materials were judged on abstract national standards and had to be without redeeming social value to be judged obscene.

Taylor said he expected the new ruling would bring in a flood of complaints, but so far he has received only two telephone calls. He also has been contacted by two book stores seeking guidelines on what material can be sold legally.

Taylor said he is informing the stores that the prosecutor's office is not equipped with staff to be "censor for the whole

county" and that it will not pre-judge which books and films are obscene.

The Supreme Court decision applies to materials with explicit sexual acts such as the movie "Deep Throat" and not to nudity, Taylor pointed out. The question of simulated sexual acts is a "nebulous area," he added.

Berrien county's three adult book stores were closed earlier this year on the basis of civil action started by Taylor in circuit court under the state public nuisance act. Taylor did not prosecute the stores under criminal statute because it was al-

most impossible then to get a conviction on that basis, he explained.

Taylor said his office will approach pornography the same way it does other criminal cases. If prosecution before a jury is likely to be successful, he will go ahead. If conviction is doubtful, he said he will not "waste the taxpayer's money."

Taylor said that, on the basis of information he has received, pornography is not very profitable in Berrien county, is not widespread as in larger metropolitan areas, and "will be even less so now."



JERROLD GAUL
Long struggle for health

Help On Way For Family At Bridgman

BRIDGMAN — The long battle of Jerrold Gaul to overcome effects of a non-cancerous brain cyst is continuing.

The 27-year-old native of Bridgman has undergone nearly a dozen operations since Feb. 1972 to drain fluid trapped in his head by the cyst and prevent pressure on his brain.

Twice in the past month he has been in surgery at St. Luke's Presbyterian hospital in Chicago.

Gaul's wife, Jan, has been striving to finance a life for herself and their son Aaron, 1, while waiting for her husband's recovery. Mrs. Gaul and Aaron live in a mobile home park at Baroda.

With insurance through Bendix corporation where Gaul worked picking up most of the massive medical bills, Mrs. Gaul has managed to keep out of debt.

But Social Security payments and Mrs. Gaul's earnings as a legal secretary have provided little fiscal cushion.

"We're not starving," Mrs. Gaul states, "but I don't know how much longer Jerry will be out of work."

Some financial help appears on the way through the efforts of eight Bridgman organizations.

The organizations are sponsoring a dance Aug. 11 to raise money for Gaul and are setting up an account at F&M National bank in Bridgman for contributions.

The dance tickets are to be available through members of the participating organizations - Bridgman Lions club, Lake Township Firemen and auxiliary, American Legion and auxiliary, Club Twenty, Bridgman Women's club and Our Lady Queen of Peace Altar society.

According to Mrs. Gaul, her husband's major problem since the initial drainage operation in Feb. 1972 has been with the artificial tubes implanted in his body to drain off the fluid blocked by the cyst.

She explains that her husband's body has not accepted the foreign matter of the tubes, and that infections have occurred around the tubes.

Mrs. Gaul said doctors have told her a number of patients have had tubes implanted and have recovered without further complications.

After the first operation in St. Joseph hospital, South Bend, Gaul was in a coma for three months and subsequently had to learn to walk and talk, Mrs. Gaul said.

He was then home for nearly three months before his body's rejection of the tube forced him back. He has since been home from the hospital for not longer than three weeks at one time, his wife states.

He has been in the Chicago hospital the past month.

"Jerry has been in good spirits through this," Mrs. Gaul said.

Gaul graduated from Bridgman high school in 1964. In 1970, he received a bachelor's degree in teaching from Western Michigan university. He was a student teacher at Lakeshore high school for half a year in 1971, before beginning the six month stint with Bendix in St. Joseph as a lab technician that ended with his first operation.

He is the son of Mrs. Leo Gaul of Bridgman.



SEWER LINES RELAID: Bridgman sewer lines under Maplewood avenue are being relaid after 10,000 gallons of gasoline leaked from pipe at gas station, background, deteriorated seals between tiles near station. Gas-soaked sand from excavations and from

hole 20 feet long, 25 feet wide and 10 feet deep dug in gas station driveway are being trucked away, will be replaced with clean, dry sand.

10,000 Gallons Lost

Bridgman Mopping Up Gas

BRIDGMAN — Efforts continued today to mop up an underground pool of 10,000 gallons of gasoline which leaked into sandy soil from a Bridgman gas station.

About 1,800 gallons of a gasoline-water mixture have been pumped from sand and excavations at the Bridgman Phillips "66" station, 4279 Lake

street, according to a state police fire marshal. Gasoline-soaked sand excavated from the area of the leak is being trucked away.

The fire marshal, Det. Sgt. Robert Ruohonen, of Paw Paw, said gasoline not removed or evaporated is still lying on the water table under the station and in an area in the block west

of it. He said the location of the gas is stable, as long as heavy rains do not fall.

Ruohonen said gasoline vapor levels are below danger levels in basements in buildings around the station, in city sewer lines and in basements along Baldwin street, where residents first reported smelling fumes. A major sewer line parallels Baldwin.

Fumes entered sewer lines when gas deteriorated the tar-based seals between sewer tiles under Maplewood avenue, beside the gas station, according to Ruohonen. Tiles in the area are being relaid.

City firemen have been equipped with state fume-detecting equipment to check the level of vapors wherever a gasoline smell is reported, the marshal said. He said they check sewer lines twice a day.

There will be no need to evacuate buildings unless fumes show a dangerous rise, according to Ruohonen.

Jerry Malsch, station operator, said yesterday the leak began sometime after May 1. He said checks of amounts of gas delivered to the station against amounts sold before that date came out even.

He also said the station's daily routine of checking for leaks by measuring tank levels at closing each night and before opening each morning did not detect the leak, since gas leaked only while being pumped for customers. He said the leak was in a pressurized line between an underground pump at the tank and the "pump," or dispensing unit, from which cars are filled.

The leak was finally discovered about a week ago during a pressure test, Malsch said. He said the gas company notified the fire marshal as soon as it was realized gas was being lost. He said the leak was repaired immediately.

Wayne Mabry, Bridgman mayor, said the city had been seeking the source of fumes reported by Baldwin street residents at the time the problem was discovered.

He said the first report came from Phyllis Weber, city clerk, who lives on Baldwin street. He said the city had had not been sure whether gasoline or drycleaning fluid was involved, and had sent samples from the sewer line to the county health department for analysis.

Mabry said he feels any danger has passed.

He said the Phillips "66" oil company, owner of the station Malsch leases, will be responsible for the restoration of Maplewood street and relaying sewer tiles under it.

Excavations around the station will be kept open, to encourage evaporation of gasoline, until the fire marshal gives permission to close them. Then they are to be filled with clean, dry sand.

Boat Capsizes; 2 Occupants Hunted At Glenn

GLENN — The Coast Guard resumed its search of Lake Michigan off the Allegan county community of Glenn today for traces of a boat and its occupants presumed lost in the waters yesterday afternoon.

State police from the South Haven post said a Glenn resident, Paul Hostetter told troopers he saw a boat approximately 14 feet long with two occupants shortly after 2 p.m. yesterday and then, 10 minutes later, saw the boat without its occupants.

State Police Trooper William Diekema said he, too, saw the boat upon arriving at the scene, but that it disappeared in the seven to eight foot waves.

A Coast Guard helicopter from Chicago and search and rescue boats from Holland searched the area until dark last night, and were back on the scene at daylight today.

Officials said they had not received reports of any overdue boaters. A check of area marinas was being conducted today.

He'll Be Friend To Hundreds Of Runaway Kids

Link, Inc., has named Richard K. Freer, 28, of Detroit as executive director of a program to help youngsters who might try to solve their problems by running away from home.

A survey conducted in 1972 in Berrien county indicated that social agencies and schools could have referred a boy or girl to a runaway center 669 times.

Link, Inc., is the result of a year-long program of investigation and fund raising. The program is funded by approximately \$21,000 raised locally and matching federal-state funds of about \$60,000. The Berrien board of commissioners

also participated in the program.

Freer said in many instances youngsters take the first step into trouble by running away from home. Running away in itself is not unlawful and the handling of these cases presents a set of unique problems for the social worker.

Headquarters for the program will be the Child and Family Services Center building, 2000 South State street, St. Joseph. Facilities are being remodeled in the former girls' home for the program. An open house will be held shortly.

Freer graduated from Troy High school and received his bachelor of arts degree from Anderson college, Anderson, Ind., and a masters degree in social work from Michigan State university.

He has been a Vista volunteer in New York City; Peace Corps volunteer, Ponape, Micronesia; School Community coordinator, Delaware county, Indiana; Community Action program and Area Coordinator for Manpower Planning for Indiana.

He and his wife, Marcia, have a daughter, Jennifer, 2. They live at 1310 Forbes avenue, St. Joseph.

ELECTED BY MERIDIAN
SOUTHFIELD, Mich. (AP) — David Bernstein has been elected president and chief operating officer of Meridian Industries, Inc.



RICHARD K. FREER

Cass Medical Care Facility Supported

CASSOPOLIS — Cass county township officials and county commissioners expressed strong support last night for continued operation of Cass county's aging medical care facility at its present site.

Meeting in special session with the township officials to consider fate of the facility, eight of the 11 commissioners indicated they favor continued operation of county medical care facility.

Officials from all 14 townships represented at the meeting also indicated they favored maintaining a county facility.

Following statements of support from township officials, commission Chairman Jimmie Reynolds Jr. said the county board's next step will be obtain cost estimates on remodeling,

adding a wing and construction a new facility.

The facility faces closing in 1975 by the Michigan Department of Public Health unless state standards are met by that time.

Sixty-four patients are now under care at the facility.

Commissioners not stating support for maintaining a county health facility were Dean Bussler and Daniel Holderman. Lee Dodd was absent.

Those in favor were Reynolds, Charles Sarabyn, Mrs. Ruth Sarabyn, Robert Powers, Kenneth Fox, Mrs. Blanche Trout, Johnie Rodebush and Carl Higley.

The only township not represented was Wayne in the northern

part of the county.

Reynolds requested that the township officials have their boards pass a resolution supporting the medical care facility and send a copy of the resolution to the commission.

Bussler, chairman of the county services committee, said federal funds were not available for bringing the facility up to state standards.

He indicated that a 2.5 mill property tax levy for two years would raise about \$1 million.

In other action, the commission approved a contract with the Sheriff's Deputies association that includes a raise for the deputies retroactive to Jan. 1.

Toddler Drowns In Cass Lake

EDWARDSBURG — A rural Edwardsburg baby drowned yesterday morning when he toppled from a seawall at his home into Painter lake, Cass sheriff's deputies reported.

Michael McCain, 21 months, son of Mr. and Mrs. James McCain, route 2, Painter lake, Edwardsburg, was pronounced dead on arrival at Elkhart General hospital after being pulled from the lake by his mother.

He was reportedly in the water only a short while before his mother pulled him out. Deputies said his mother was treated for shock after the accident.

The drowning was the fifth reported this year in Cass county Waters.